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Status of this application

Claims 1-13 and 15-22 are pending (because of an initial claim numbering error, no claim number 14 was ever submitted). In the Office Action mailed on January 11th, the Examiner finally rejected all claims based on the previously cited Lewis et al. Patent 6,611,815 (hereinafter "Lewis"). This response is being transmitted to the Office within two months of the mailing date of the outstanding final rejection, and requests an advisory action.

Response to the Final Rejection

In the outstanding final rejection, the Examiner found that "*Applicant's arguments filed October 28, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.*" The Examiner made specific comments concerning those prior arguments in paragraphs A) and B), and those comments are reproduced below in *italics*, followed by applicant's responsive remarks. Paragraph A states: